

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

USDA – FOREST SERVICE

George Washington & Jefferson National Forests,
Warm Springs Ranger District, Hot Springs, VA

Opportunity to Comment on the Bolar Wastewater Treatment Facility Project

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests is beginning the environmental analysis for the proposed replacement of the Bolar Mountain Wastewater Treatment Facility on the George Washington National Forest (GWNF). The GWNF is providing a scoping letter with a detailed description of the Bolar Mountain wastewater facility project for public comment. The new facility will be installed at the Bolar Mountain Recreation Area, adjacent to Lake Moormaw in Bath County, VA.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to a pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

The proposed project or activity is available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58560>. The detailed scoping letter and supporting documentation is also available for review upon request. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from: Sara Hivick, at 540-291-2188, or by email at sara.hivick@usda.gov.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Comments must be submitted by 30 days from the date of the legal notice published in The Recorder. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments per 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection (36 CFR §218.24(b) (6)). In order to raise issues during the objections period, they must be based on previously submitted, specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. All individuals and organizations are responsible for ensuring that their comments are received in a timely manner. Comments received, including commenter names and addresses, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not afford the agency the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Comments may be submitted online at:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=58560>.

Electronic comments may be submitted as Microsoft Word documents (.doc or .docx), portable document files (.pdf), or in rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), or hypertext markup language (.html). Written comments must be submitted to: Theresa Tanner, James River and Warm Springs District Ranger, 422 Forestry Road, Hot Springs, VA, 24445. Due to COVID-19, the Warm Springs District office is currently closed to the public. Comments may be submitted online or by mail. For objection eligibility, should this project proceed under the analysis of an environmental assessment, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request 36 CFR §218.24(b)(8).

Please state "Bolar Mountain Wastewater Treatment Facility" on the envelope when replying by mail.